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Welcome to the Board of Equalization's electronic filing program, BOE-file. E-filing is the Board of Equalization's, commonly called BOE, prescribed method for filing your sales and use tax returns and making payment over the Internet. Nearly all sales and use tax accounts are eligible to E-file.

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- Select your tax program....Sales and Use Tax
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- Enter your name as you are registered with the BOE
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- Click Continue.

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- Any purchases subject to use tax are entered here. This amount would include any items you purchased for use in your business which you did not pay any tax on, such as fixed assets, supplies, or inventory withdrawals for your own use. If you need more information on “purchases subject to use tax”, please click the question mark.

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- Your taxable transactions have already been calculated and are displayed here. Enter any transactions not in a district tax area here.

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- Enter the sales figures for the county or city in the first column.

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- For our example, we have \$40,000 of sales in Riverside County and \$40,775 of sales in San Bernardino County.
- Scroll through the table to locate Riverside County, then enter \$40,000 in the first column under allocated sales to districts.
- Next, scroll down to the County of San Bernardino and enter \$40,775 in the first column.
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- Your total district tax has been calculated for you and displays on the last line.

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- Once your figures balance, please click “continue” to return to the main page.

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- Once all your figures are entered, click “continue” to go to a review page.
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- Please confirm the figures on this page if you need to correct any information you can click “prior page” to go back to the main page of the return.
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- Finally, you will enter your payment information. Three convenient payment methods are available.

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Thank You

Thanks for viewing this training video. You are now ready to efile your sales and use tax return with BOE-file, the Board of Equalization's electronic filing program.